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Train collision injures two

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

A 26-year-old Didsbury man was rushed to a Calgary hospital for treatment of injuries received after colliding with a train Feb. 12.

A CP Rail train, consisting of 110 sulphur railcars went into automatic emergency mode after passing an uncontrolled rail crossing while travelling westbound from Calgary at approximately 4:40 a.m.

Police say, the automatic emergency mode is typically a result of a break in the line of rail cars.

When rail crews investigated, walking the length of the train, they found two railcars that had been derailed.

The crew contacted emergency services after walk-

ing back to the uncontrolled crossing, located at Range Road 2.0, and finding a badly damaged pickup truck with two injured males inside.

Along with the 26-year-old driver, was a 40-year-old passenger, who was taken to Didsbury Hospital for treatment of undetermined injuries.

Police say the two men were going to work at the time of the incident.

Spokesperson for CP Rail, Breanne Feigel says they are involved in a joint investigation with RCMP to determine what the cause may have been and in identifying what factors may have led to the crossing incident.

Range Road 2.0 was closed from the time of the collision to approximately 8:30 a.m., while crews removed debris from the scene.

The train was empty during the collision, and police say no hazardous material was spilled.

Feigel says the cars were taken off-line for an indefinite length of time.

"We're looking to see if they are able to be put back in service or if they need to go in for repairs," she said. "That's our regular standard process for when any of our equipment is involved in an incident."

Alcohol was not considered a factor in the collision, say police.

CP Rail maintenance crews attended the next day to return the two derailed cars to the tracks.

Didsbury RCMP, Didsbury Fire and Rescue and Didsbury ambulance services, and CP Rail Police attended the scene to investigate the collision.



DERAILED - CP Rail workers fix signage at a train crossing north of Didsbury on RR 2. Two Didsburians in a pickup truck collided with a train at 4:40 a.m. Feb. 12. Two of the train cars were derailed. The train was 110 railcars long. Both the RCMP and CP Rail continue to investigate the cause of the collision.

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Demolition starts on old school

Winter conditions favourable

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

Demolition started on the old Didsbury High School last Wednesday.

The demolition was initially expected to take place in early January, but Roy Clark superintendent of facilities for Chinook's Edge School Division said steps were required before the process could begin, including finalizing the demolition permit and the removal of utilities.

"We needed to pull the gasline back to the main line," said Clark.

"You generally don't want to start demolishing a building with an active gasline in it."

Columbia Rail Contractors, the company in possession of the demolition contract say winter conditions are considered a benefit during the demolition, because the frozen ground helps avoid damage to grass.

Clark says dust-control is also easier during the colder season.

"We're not going to have people with windows open, getting dust in their homes like you would in the summer time," he said.

A pre-construction meeting involving the town was held prior to the process starting.

Discussions between the town and Chinook's Edge School Division regarding the function of the property following the building removal are ongoing.

"There are a number of potential things but it is a long ways from coming up with any definite plan," said Clark.

The demolition is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete the demolition with extra time needed for cleanup procedures and the process to fill the remaining hole.

An auction in late December helped distribute remaining items from inside the building to area community groups.

Chinook's Edge removed items from inside the school that they believed would be useful to other schools in the division, prior to the auction.

Clark says proceeds from the auction allowed the school division to cover their expenses.

"The goal was not to make money, but rather to make these assets available to the community."



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

GOING DOWN — A staircase isn't the only thing going down at the former Didsbury High School. Demolition for the old school began this week and is expected to take about three weeks.



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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 • 7:00 P.M. • MIDWAY SCHOOL**

Trustees have given notice of motion to consider the closure of Midway School effective June 30, 2008. The public meeting is for the purpose of gathering further input into the consideration for closure, and to present an information report that forms part of the consideration. An information package is available upon request.

ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING INPUT INTO THE PROPOSED MIDWAY SCHOOL CLOSURE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Further consideration and a decision of the proposed closure will take place at the April Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Chinook's Edge School Division office in Innisfail.

Please contact the undersigned for further information.

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Photo submitted by Didsbury RCMP

Didsbury RCMP completed a routine traffic stop on a man that was noted as driving aggressively Feb. 12. During the stop, the investigating officer found six pounds of Cannabis Marijuana.

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Roadside pot bust valued at \$28,500

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

observational police method to determine the driver was suspicious.

A Red Deer man has been arrested and charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking after being pulled over by Didsbury RCMP Feb. 12.

While travelling north-bound on Hwy. 2, police pulled over a vehicle occupying a single lane for violating the traffic safety act, following too close at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Upon speaking to the driver, the officer used a specialized



Police proceeded to do a search of the vehicle, finding a large duffle bag containing approximately six pounds of marijuana, in 12 individually-wrapped half-pound bags worth an estimated street value of \$28,500.

This incident was Didsbury RCMP's second drug-related arrest resulting from a routine traffic stop in recent weeks.

The driver was returned to the detachment where he was processed and released for a later date.



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Opinion

Editorial Alberta election will impact federal campaign

BY DAN SINGLETON
Didsbury Review



With a federal election a growing possibility this year, a showdown over the issue of climate change and what the various governments and parties plan to do about it is certainly in the offing.

Having already cast off the Kyoto Protocol on climate change as unworkable, the Harper Tories say they plan to implement a made-in-Canada solution to environmental concerns.

"Our government will implement our national strategy to reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions 60 to 70 percent by 2050," said Prime Minister Harper. "There will be a 20 percent reduction by 2020. Our government will bring forward the elements from Canada's Clean Air Act, which had all-party consensus, for parliamentary consideration."

"This strategy will institute binding national regulations on greenhouse gas emissions across all major industrial sectors—with requirements for emissions reductions starting this year."

Not surprisingly, the opposition Liberals continue to call the Tory plans inadequate.

"The fight against climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our time and Canadians are looking to the government for environmental leadership," said Liberal environmental critic Dominic LeBlanc.

"Prime Minister Harper has dropped the ball on this issue, forcing provincial and territorial leaders to come up with their own solutions to the climate crisis. The prime minister has one message for his provincial counterparts: goodbye and good luck."

On most matters the Alberta Tories are usually in line with their federal counterparts. A shared dislike of the Liberals, coupled with a conservative bent on such things as crime control, usually puts the federal and provincial parties on the same page.

Yet that cozy relationship hasn't translated into consensus on the environment front.

Premier Stelmach has staunchly and repeatedly said his government will vigorously fight any federal climate change plans that may unduly damage Alberta's economy. Should the provincial Tories win the March 3 election, Stelmach's already strong stance on climate change will only be strengthened.

And that could mean big trouble for Stephen Harper and his party's re-election plans.

If, as expected, the environment proves to be one of the key issues in the next federal campaign, Harper and his fellow Tories will be forced to make a choice between keeping either Alberta or Ontario and Quebec happy.

The federal Liberals, already resigned to the fact that they shouldn't expect major gains in the West, will very likely go with an environmental strategy that caters to voter-rich central Canada, pushing a very tough environmental protection policy even if it means alienating Alberta.

So how far is Stephen Harper prepared to go to keep those same central Canadian voters happy?



TORNADOES DEVASTATE TOWNS IN AMERICAN SOUTH...

Guest Commentary Alberta Advantage first, Canada

SCOTT HENNIG

Since Stephen Harper and the Conservatives took office in January 2006, taxpayers have no doubt noticed some changes on the taxes paid to Ottawa. Most noticeably, and welcomed, was the reduction in the GST from seven per cent to six per cent, to now five per cent. This tax reduction will put \$10 billion back into the pockets of Canadians each year.

However, what taxpayers may not have noticed is the increased complexity of our tax code. Harper and Co. have introduced a myriad of tax credits, exemptions and paperwork for Canadian tax filers. Some of these 'boutique tax cuts' (so-named for their small, specialized nature) include: a tax credit for putting your child into an approved sports program, a tax credit for taking public transit, a tax credit for students' textbooks, a tax deduction for security donations to charities, and an increased deduction for long-haul truckers' meals, to name a few.

This added complexity, while offering minimal real tax relief, has both increased the cost on government to administer and increased the burden placed upon taxpayers by requiring more paperwork to be filled out and another shoebox of receipts to be kept.

What's desperately needed in Ottawa is not more paperwork, but less. One way would be to reduce the number of credits and rates in exchange for lower tax rates.

Alberta was very successful in its

move from a three-bracket, three-rate system to a single-rate of 10 per cent in 2001. While the federal government controls how taxable income is determined, Alberta set its own single provincial rate.

Alberta combined simplification of the tax system with a significant reduction in taxes. Alberta's basic personal exemption went from \$7,131 to \$12,900, and the spousal exemption was raised from \$6,055 to \$12,900 as well. This move not only provided tax-relief for all taxpayers, but removed 200,000 low-income taxpayers from the tax roll completely.

The single rate, combined with matching personal and spousal exemptions also eliminated the desire by some to provincially 'income split'. Allowing families to split their incomes evenly between two taxpayers has been offered by some as a way to address a suggested inequity of how our tax code treats family income. For example, a one-earner, two-adult family with \$80,000 of income would pay more in taxes than a two-earner family with each one earning \$40,000 under the old multi-bracketed system. Since 2001 in Alberta, two-adult families earning the same pay the same amount in taxes provincially, regardless of who is earning the income. Some opponents of Alberta's single-rate tax have wrongfully labeled it 'regressive'. In tax terms, a regressive tax is one that as your income rises, the tax decreases as a percentage of your income. A good example of a regressive tax is the Alberta health

care premium. It's \$1,056 per family per year regardless of whether your family income is \$40,000 or \$100,000. As a percentage of your income, at \$40,000 it is 3.2 per cent of your after-tax income, whereas at \$100,000 it is 1.5 per cent.

Thanks to Alberta's healthy personal and spousal exemptions, as your income rises, so too does your average income tax rate. At \$40,000, an individual's average tax rate is 6.1 per cent, whereas at \$100,000 it is 8.5 per cent. Alberta's income tax is progressive, not regressive.

For these reasons and more, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation has recently released a report calling for Alberta-style tax reforms in Ottawa. Under the CTF proposal, Canada would go from having four brackets to two, at 15 and 25 per cent. Further, the plethora of boutique tax credits introduced by the Harper government, among others, would be scrapped in favour of lower rates and higher personal and spousal exemptions.

According to the CD Howe Institute, these reforms would ensure a \$25 billion tax cut shared by taxpayers, and could be implemented in full by 2012 provided the Harper government does not grow spending by more than 2.5 per cent per year.

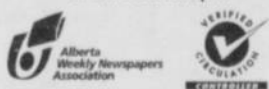
As an added bonus, tax returns would be simplified, allowing the average taxpayer to be able to file their taxes with a hand-calculator.

In Alberta it's called the Alberta Advantage. Let's hope the Canada Advantage is next.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday, Feb. 19, & March 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, Feb. 20, & March 5, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, March 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers

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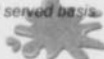


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PUBLIC NOTICE

2008-10 Business Plan and 2008 Budget for the Town of Didsbury

When: February 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Where: Didsbury Town Office – Council Chambers

This session is open to the public to observe and listen to Council discussions and hear the presentation of business plans and budgets for all municipal departments and Council.

For further information or any questions, please contact Sam Smalldon, Chief Financial Officer at 335-7359 or by email at ssmalldon@didsbury.ca.

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Fax: (403) 335-9794 or Email: rwigg@didsbury.ca

Deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. February 25, 2008

The Town of Didsbury thanks all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted

OPEN HOUSE

CENTRAL CORE HERITAGE PLAN

When: February 27, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Multi-Purpose Room - Didsbury Memorial Complex

Town Council is holding an Open House to receive feedback from the public in regards to the DRAFT Central Core Heritage Plan - a document providing historical architectural controls for development in the Downtown Core. This document also contains a section on providing guidelines for the development and redevelopment of residential properties within an area adjacent to the Downtown Core primarily identified as west of 20th Street, east of 23rd Street and between 15th Avenue to the south and 24th Avenue to the north.

A copy of this notice with a map is available on the Town of Didsbury website at www.didsbury.ca/planning.html; a copy of the DRAFT document will be available online February 22, 2008. If you require a physical copy of the document (available February 22, 2008), or for more information, please email webmaster@didsbury.ca or call the Planning and Development Department at 335-3391.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS - MEMBER AT LARGE INTER-MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION & INTER-MUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for a volunteer Community Member from the Town of Didsbury to be a Member-at-Large on the Inter-Municipal Planning Commission and Inter-Municipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest/resume

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PROPOSED ANNEXATION

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Take notice that the Alberta Municipal Government Board (MGB) will conduct a public hearing respecting an application by the Town of Didsbury (Town) to annex territory from Mountain View County (County).

The hearing is scheduled as follows.

DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 2008
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: 5-0 Club
2500 - 15 Avenue
Didsbury, Alberta

The proposed annexation area is located adjacent to the current Town boundary, involving approximately 952 hectares (2,352 acres) of land. The main purpose of the proposed annexation is to accommodate residential and industrial development.

The Town and the County have reached an agreement on the proposed annexation. The terms of the annexation agreement relate to municipal taxation, as well as the accommodation of special arrangements that the County currently offers property owners. The annexation application can be viewed at the Town's municipal office during normal business hours.

The MGB has received objections to the proposed annexation and must therefore conduct a public hearing to receive information, evidence and argument regarding the annexation proposal. If you plan to attend the hearing and/or make an oral submission to the MGB, please advise the MGB office on or before Wednesday, February 27, 2008. If you intend to make a written submission to the MGB, please forward the submission to the MGB on or before Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Submissions should be restricted to issues surrounding the location of the proposed boundaries and/or the conditions of annexation. Copies of these submissions will be forwarded to the Town and County prior to the hearing.

In conjunction with this advertisement, the MGB has notified all known landowners and interested parties.

Contact Information:

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The price of freedom

IAN TAYLOR
Didsbury Trustee

There's a sigh of relief all round as Alberta's school boards and ATA locals reach agreement on contract negotiations by the January 31 deadline. Now the government will implement the monetary promises it made to teachers who in turn will not strike for five years.

This happy event was reported in a sister publication to this newspaper, the Mountain View Gazette, on Feb. 5 in an article by Michaela Ludwig. It's a fairly lengthy report cobbled together from a variety of sources. The middle part of the text is dominated by a photo of a smiling Jim Gibbons (our superintendent) above a picture of a positively beaming Frank Bruseker (ATA President). The article begins and ends with quotations from Jim about his opinions on the effects of the agreement. Towards the end there are a few lines quoted from our board chair, Doug Wagstaff.

"So what?" I hear you say. Let me frame it another way. In a hypothetical newspaper story from a local town about something important, perhaps the introduction of a curfew for peo-

ple under 18, the report features a picture of the town CAO with extensive comments by her. Squeezed in somewhere are a few words by the mayor.

I'm guessing that you would think this was strange reporting since you would want to know mostly what your elected representative thought about the issue. Your avenue for influencing local issues is through the ballot box and through talking to the mayor and council. This is local democracy at its best.

The same applies to school board operations. This time the main issue is the signing of an agreement between the ATA local and the board. The superintendent is the CEO of the Board hired by it to implement its policies and directions. The trustees are like councilors and the Board Chair is the equivalent of a mayor. It is the Board, not the superintendent, who decides to accept or reject the contract proposals.

The comparisons are not entirely equal but the principle is the same. If you, as an elector of Chinook's Edge School Division, wish for changes in the way education is offered in this area you have a chance to talk to your particular trustee. If

that fails you wait for the next election and vote for someone who will more closely represent you or better still, run as a candidate yourself for trustee.

You might say I'm splitting hairs, making a fuss over nothing, but I think it's important that in our society the media support democracy and give the major voice wherever possible to elected officials. Generally speaking they're more in tune with the wishes of the electorate than appointed officials.

At a time when there has been a trend to more centralization and less local democracy, elected School Boards stand in a precarious position. Despite government assurances to the contrary the future could see them disappear altogether or see them replaced by large appointed boards as the Health Regions are now governed.

The writing was on the wall in 1994 when taxing authority was removed from school boards and many, such as ours, had to combine with others to form bigger units, Mountain View County plus Red Deer County = Chinook's Edge. This year it went one step further when provincial bargaining took place between the Government and the ATA

over salary issues. Boards were just left to negotiate working conditions.

On the positive side we still have a system that is small enough to be responsive to local needs and our trustees do represent specific areas unlike say, Red Deer, where the highest polling group of candidates past the post becomes the Board regardless of their home location. Another plus is that we operate as independent politicians, not answerable to any party, just our electorate and our consciences.

Unfortunately, this fine example of local democracy is threatened as much by local apathy as by government aggrandizement. When the local press compounds the problem by focusing on appointed rather than elected officials it is rather worrying. As Joni Mitchell put it so well: "you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone".

The opinions expressed in these articles are my own, not necessarily those of the Board. If you wish to contact me about educational matters you may do so at phone, 335-8575, or e-mail nanatee@telusplanet.net.

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HONOURABLE BEAT

— Andie Hadway, Didsbury honour band student beats the drums during a two-day musical workshop in Olds, last week. Honour band students from all over Chinook's Edge took part in intensive workshops featuring guest conductors before performing in an annual concert, Tuesday night.



Rosebud classic postponed again

REVIEW STAFF

Organizers for the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic have announced their second postponement of the event this year.

Bill Windsor, Committee Chair for the Rosebud Run

Sleddog Classic stated in an e-mail that while the track presently has enough snow for the race to go on, the five day forecast, which indicates warm temperatures, caused the committee to reschedule the event for May 1 and 2.

"Hopefully the weatherman will cooperate and we won't have to postpone again," he stated.

The race was initially scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27, before snowless conditions caused it to be moved to Feb. 23 and 24.

The trail, set on almost exclusively private land, starts and ends at the staging area situated near Township Road 31.2A.

What's in a name? *Innisfail*

of Ireland was Innisfail. Over the years there have been many versions of this particular name including Innisville, Innisfree and Innishail. On November 20, 1903 the town of Innisfail was incorporated.

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A new agency is powering utilities regulation in Alberta

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RCMP auxiliary constables sought

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

A short-handed Didsbury RCMP detachment is looking to bolster its Auxiliary Constable program. Presently, the detachment has one auxiliary officer in training, but nobody active.

To join the program, the individual must be a Canadian citizen, have completed high school or equivalent work related experience, obtained a security

clearance, have excellent sight and vision, and have first aid and CPR certification.

"There are times when there is one member on and to have another person on, another set of eyes, it's great," said auxiliary program coordinator, Terry Willard on the value of the detachment additions.

Willard says people involved with the program typically have an interest in the well-being of the community.

"Obviously people that are committed to helping out with crime prevention in the community, and generally concerned about their community, this is an outlet where they can gain some of that experience."

He also says the program has been commonly used for potential candidates of the RCMP.

Each Constable needs to be able to provide at least 160 hours a year.

The Constable will have Peace Officer status when under direct supervision of the RCMP.

They can be used to guard evidence during an investigation, provide assistance during the search for missing persons, routine general duty patrols, involvement in community policing programs, among other duties.

The position is volunteer, and any interested locals are encouraged to visit the detachment to pick up an application. There are presently 450 constables posted throughout the province at approximately 102 detachments.

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Coach dissects playoff matchup

Locals meet Thrashers in first round

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

The Mountain View Colts like this year's Heritage Junior B Hockey League playoff format change.

When the season comes to a close, the Colts will sit fourth in the Lakes Division standings, but due to the rule change, all clubs will participate in the post-season.

One of the league's only playoff matchups that has been solidified because the results from either team's last games of the season won't be enough to take them up or down in the standings is the Colts versus the Three Hills Thrashers.

Both of the two occasions where the Colts have met Three Hills in regular season play, the game ended in a loss for the locals.

While the Colts have ended the season as one of the hottest teams in the league, riding an eight game unbeaten streak, their start to the year was weak, winning only three times in their first two months of the season.

One of their more forgettable outings was an 8-3 drubbing by the Thrashers in November.

Their only other meeting was a 4-3 overtime thriller in December.

Colts coach Cliff Murphy gives the Thrashers credit, but realizes both teams have changed since they last saw one another.

"I don't think they've seen us play at our best, and they've made some changes at the deadline, so we'll see how they are," he said.

"I think the first game will be a feeling-out game to see what we have to do to be successful."

However, the doesn't mean the Colts will be altering their game out of concern for what the Thrashers will do.

"We're going to try and play our style and see where it goes from there. If we have to make changes after that, then we'll have to adjust. But we'll just keep doing what we've been doing."

While Murphy says there is some unfamiliarity with their post-season foes, he knows special teams and discipline will be important, as their power play has been a strong point for Three Hills all season long.

And like most of the year in Didsbury, the goaltending combination of Evan Miller and Jason Arnason will need to be sharp as they try and topple the Thrashers.

"We have ran our goaltenders pretty hard all year," said Murphy, adding that his duos outstanding performance gave the Colts a chance to win in games when other facets of their play weren't up to snuff.

"In the playoffs, you need your goaltenders to steal

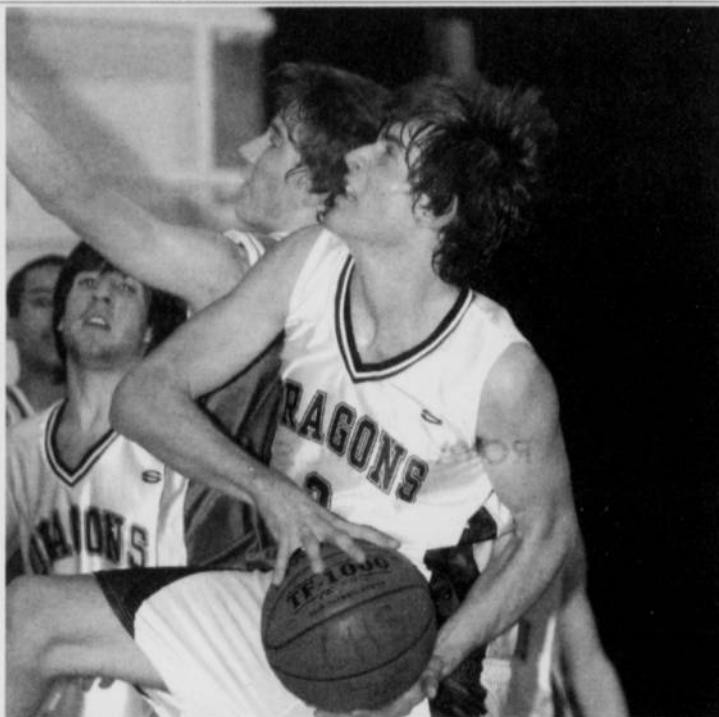
you a game or two to be successful."

While he wouldn't tip his hand to which of his goaltenders will start in the playoffs or how the workload will be shared, he said both Miller and Arnason will see time between the pipes.

The Thrashers finished first in the Prairie Division with a record of 24-9-2.

Due to an early press deadline, results from the Colts' final two games of the regular season involving the Stampeders, and the Cubs were not available for publication.

The best of series opens in Three Hills Feb. 20, with the Colts' first home game scheduled for Feb. 23.



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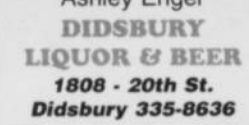
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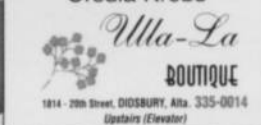
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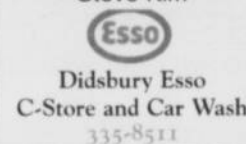
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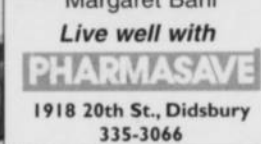
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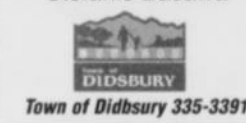
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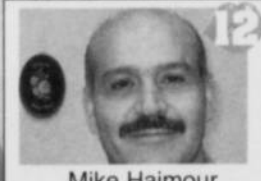
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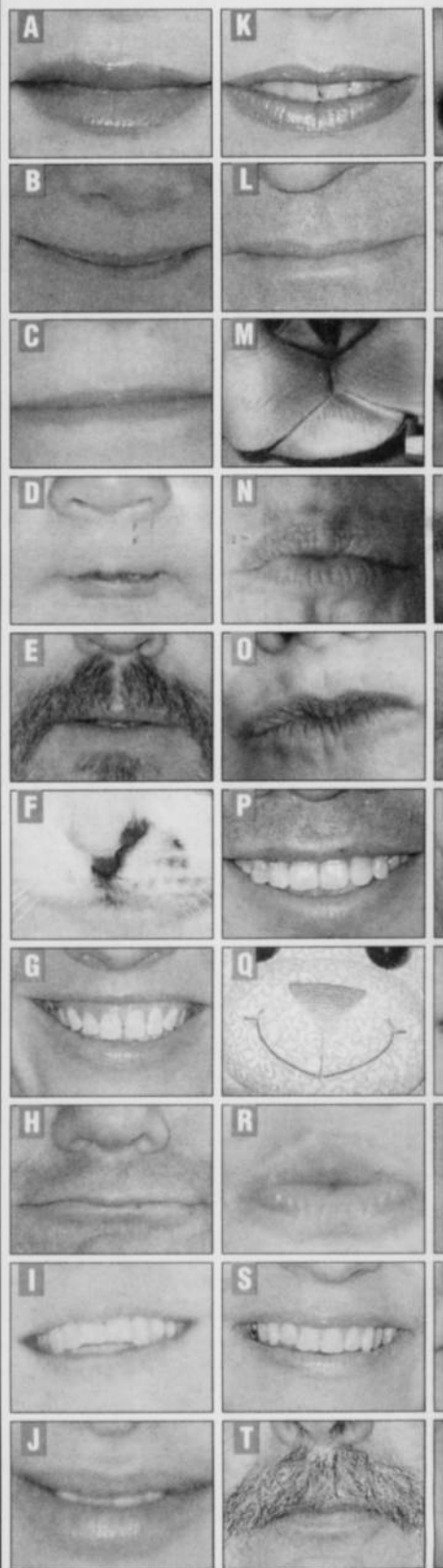


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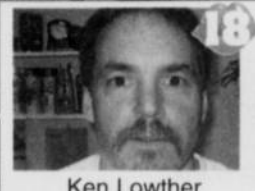
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BY JOANNA BEZJACK
Didsbury Review

As Will Hamm pulls out different musical instruments around his home outside of Cremona he strokes the finished wood lovingly and describes each piece in great detail.

"This guitar is made of Brazilian rose wood," he says as he displays a beautifully crafted acoustic guitar of rich wood with a decorative inlay. "See how it has a warmer, deeper sound?"

Hamm has been making

which come from all over the world, influence the sound," he explains. "Cedar gives off a dry, airy sound, while spruce produces a warm, bright sound."

The unique sound of each instrument, as well as the hand-picked wood and custom finishing, is important as Hamm crafts guitars, harps, mandolins, ukuleles and other instruments for accomplished musicians all around the world – each as different as the music they play.

"I've toured all around

"With a musical instrument you are working within a thousandth of an inch – it's incredibly intense work as you have to be very accurate. You have to put your heart and soul in it so it feels like there is a little piece of you in every instrument you make."

WILL HAMM

Musician, instrument creator

custom-made musical instruments for over a dozen years and is able to predict the sound an acoustic instrument will make just by tapping and grazing his hand against an unfinished piece of wood.

"The types of wood I use,

North America and the world playing with different bands and I've met a lot of great musicians from all different musical genres," says Hamm. "So now I have these different friends and contacts who will phone me up and ask me to create a

specific instrument for them."

The skilled guitarist, who has been playing since the age of 5, says that creating instruments took a back seat to performing and recording music until he grew tired of the club scene several years ago.

"I've played the pedal steel guitar and the acoustic guitar in clubs all over the world from Brazil to the Bahamas to Europe, and had a great time doing it," says Hamm who, growing up, was influenced by his parents who both played as well. "But now I'm more interested in crafting instru-

ments and composing my own music."

Hamm, who is thinking of doing a CD of Hawaiian-style music he wrote while playing in Mexico and Brazil, says that a custom-made guitar with decorative embellishments and specially carved wood, can take him up to a month to create and will cost his client anywhere from \$4,000 and up.

"The guitars and harps, which are the two most commonly requested instruments I make, are not like the instruments that you purchase in a store that come out of a factory," says Hamm. "Each piece is dif-

ferent and is made to the client's specific needs, they choose the wood, the type of sound they want, the amount of detail in embellishments and inlays and the size."

The use of exotic wood, according to Hamm, is a major factor in cost and design, as some types of the wood requested are rare as it is no longer legal to harvest certain types of forest.

"Some of the wood, which may come from Brazil or India, only exists for building use now in very small quantities in some warehouses as it may be from an endangered tree. I would

never use black market wood so each piece I order always comes with proof that it was cut before the date it was deemed illegal."

The practiced carpenter, whose trade was passed down by his father, also has experience in furniture and house building.

"I love working with my hands, and I got that from my dad and my brother who also did carpentry work, but I prefer building instruments as I find it more challenging and detailed than building a table or a house," says Hamm. "With a musical instrument you are working within a thousandth of an inch – it's incredibly intense work as you have to be very accurate. You have to put your heart and soul in it so it feels like there is a little piece of you in every instrument you make."

Not surprisingly, Hamm says that he often finds it hard to send his work away after working on a piece for several weeks.

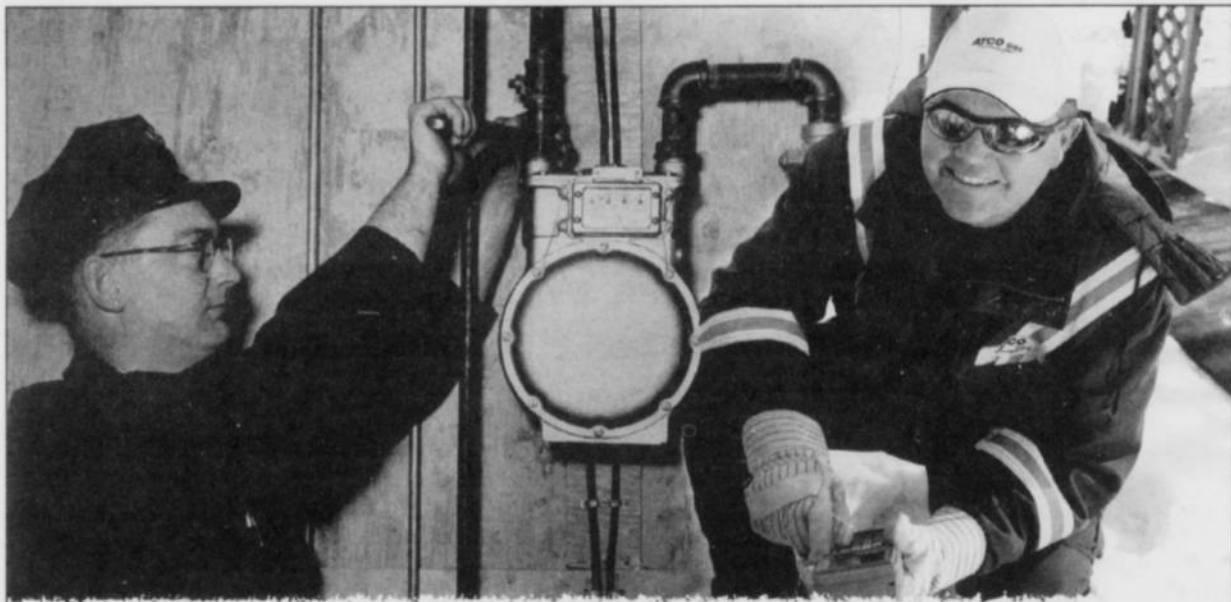
"They are all special to me, but every once in a while you create one that really shines through. I think the one that is still my favourite though is the first guitar I made for myself."

Hamm says he wanted a guitar as a teenager but couldn't afford the kind he desired, so he set out to make it himself.

"It wasn't anything special to look at, but it was a great sounding guitar. I remember when I first ran my fingers across the strings and the sound it made was so satisfying. I was really proud of that guitar."

After studying under Antonio Tessarin, a classical guitar builder from Brazil who has made over 500 instruments, Hamm's work has evolved technically, but he says that the reason he does it is still for the music.

"The pleasure I get from people enjoying and playing my instruments all over the world makes it really worthwhile," says Hamm. "It's my passion - I enjoy doing it and music and working with my hands is very deeply rooted in me."



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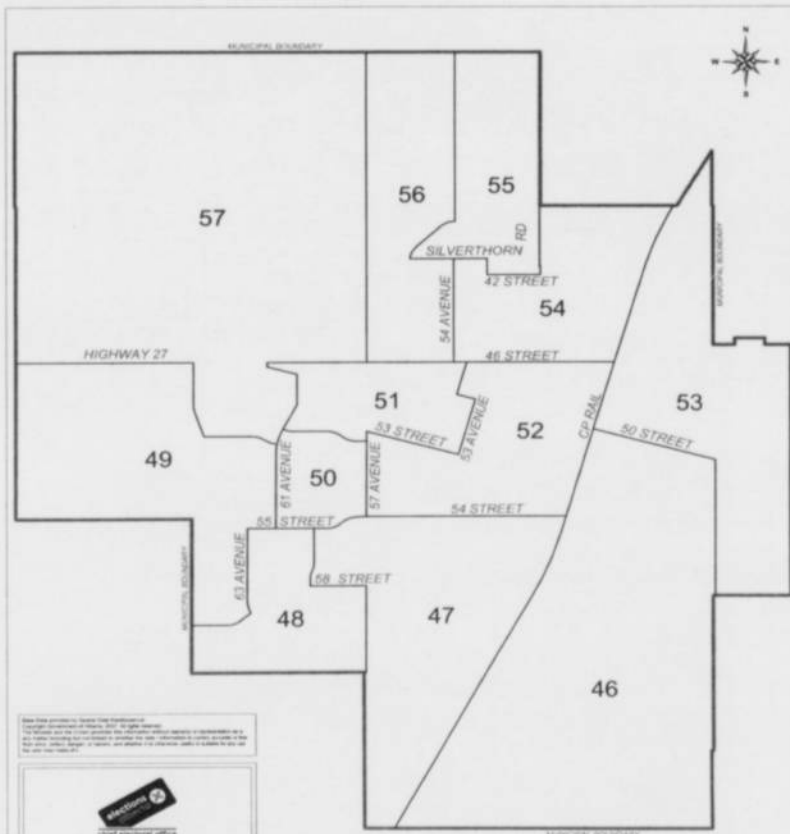
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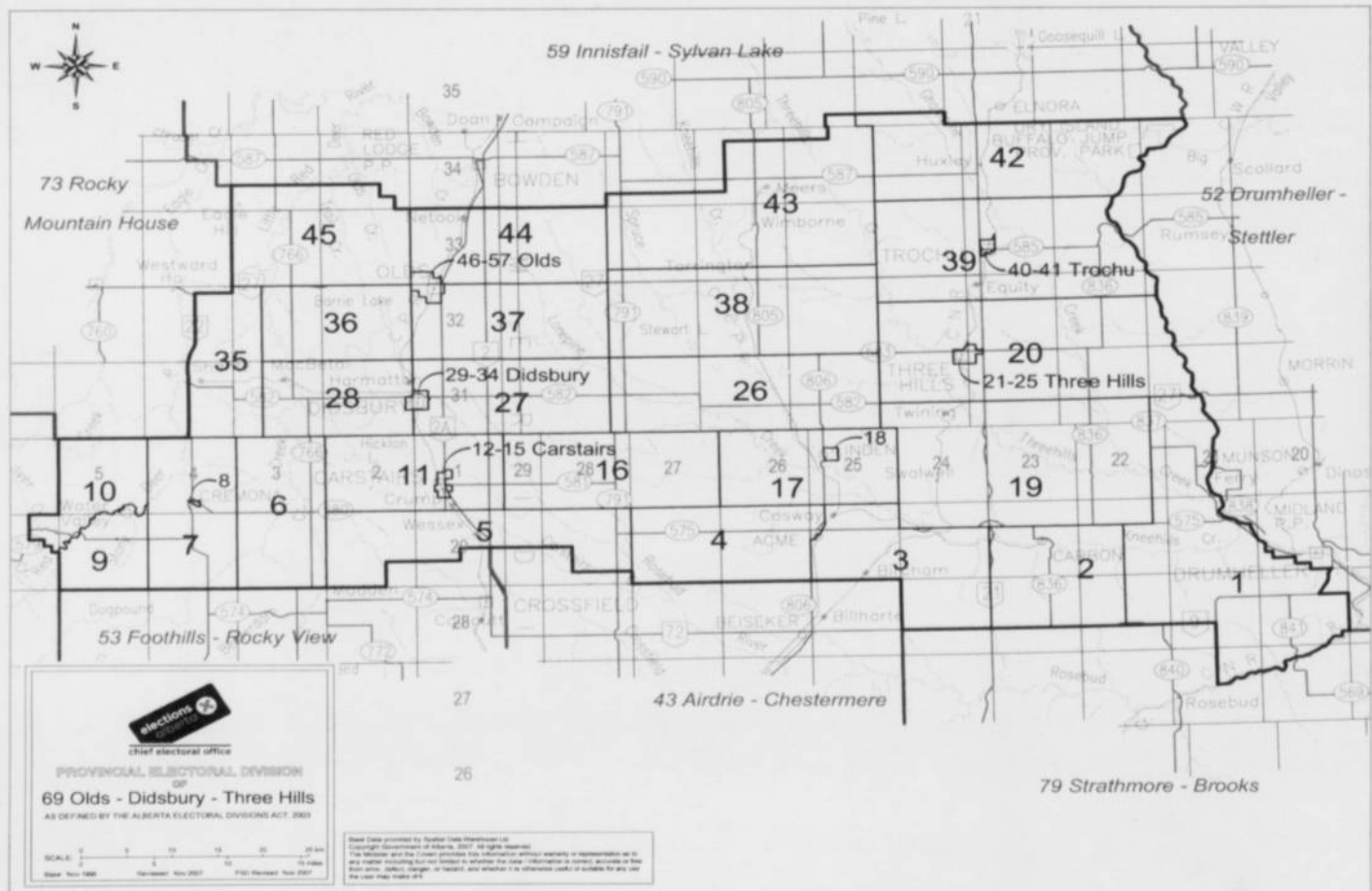
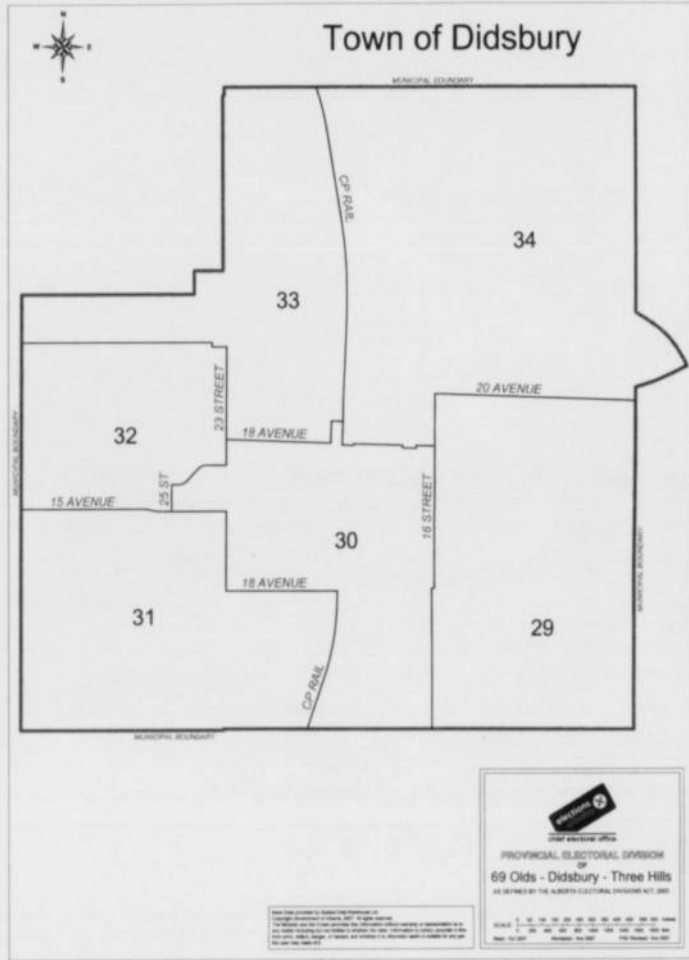
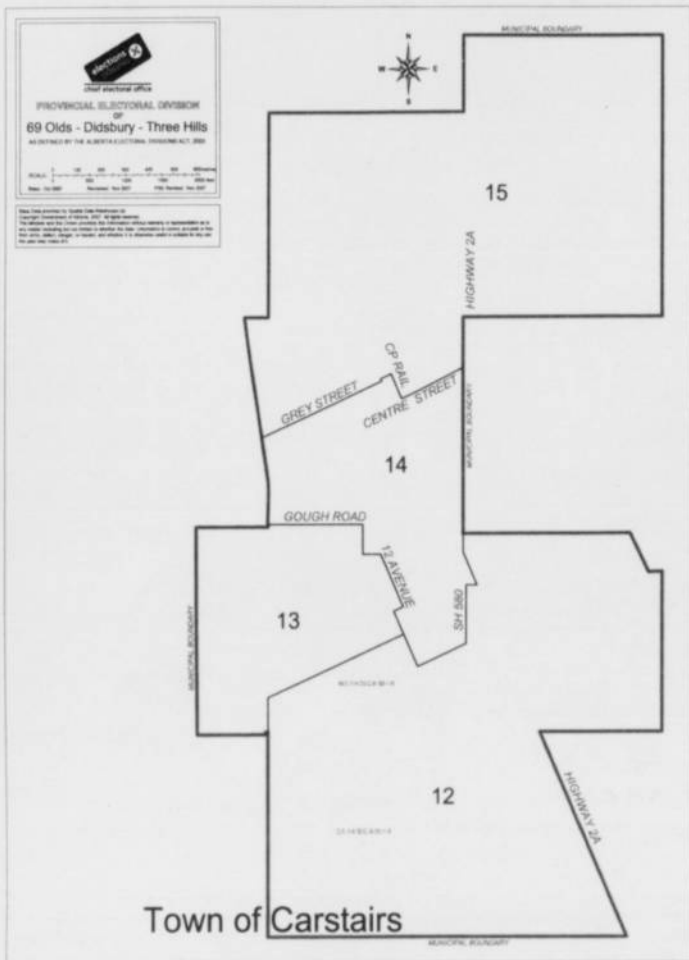
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Athletics and education go hand and hand

BY BARRY WILLIAMS
Didsbury Review

And athlete's attending high school in Carstairs, Cremona, Sundre, Didsbury, Olds, Bowden and Innisfail have an excellent opportunity of obtaining post-secondary athletic scholarships, thanks to the strong athletic programs offered by high schools within the Chinook's Edge School Division.

Most of the high schools in these aforementioned towns offer a strong competitive athletic program encouraging students to participate in team and individual sports.

For athletes participating in such sports as volleyball, basketball, track and field, football, badminton, curling, golf and

rodeo, there is more of an opportunity to be awarded a scholarship today than there was a few years ago.

There are several reasons for this with the foremost being the dedication of the coaching staff of the various athletic events. Most of these coaches are teachers putting in extra hours at the school just to make sure their students have every opportunity of participating in competitive sports. A lot of these coaches played sports while they were attending high school and university. And still, other coaches are people who have no direct connection to the high school. With the influx of recent certification clinics for coaches, the student athletes

are now offered the best coaching in all sports disciplines.

And the athletes these days seem to be more dedicated, focussed at the task at hand, willing to learn and exhibit excellent sportsmanship.

With most of the sports offered at the high school level based on the team concept. But there are individual sports as well. No matter what sport the athlete decides to play, they all require the participants to be mentally prepared and disciplined.

Although high school sports are played under the direction of a learning institution, they are not in any way different from the sports offered through a community organization. They still

require strong administration to keep the various leagues operating. Again most of the administrators are teachers as well.

Although some of the costs of school sports are covered by the various school boards, they still require the teams to do fundraising to keep them operational. Again, it is the students responsible for raising the funds, as the student's councils of the various schools are directly involved with generating the necessary funds to keep these sports afloat. And again it is the business community, parents and relatives, who provide most of these funds to keep the various sports operational.

With most post-secondary schools offering

sports scholarships to graduating high students, the cost of attending a college or university is significantly reduced. However, there is an onus on the student to make sure the funds of the scholarship are guaranteed. These students must attain a high level of scholastic achievement and excel in their chosen sport. Over the years, several area high school graduates have been awarded scholarships to post-secondary schools in Canada and the United States.

Like all other sports, the high school sporting community needs and deserves our support. So the next time you hear of a game at any of our local high schools, head down to the school gymnasium and take it in.

You may be pleasantly surprised.

Sour gas plant vandalism a concern Fire set near explosive facility

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

While police are making an effort to curb all forms of vandalism in the area, one recent target has left Didsbury RCMP alarmed.

A sour gas plant near Carstairs has seen a rising number of incidents of vandalism, including a large garbage can set on fire near the structure two weeks ago, said Didsbury Cst. Kent Shaw.

Other acts include the smashing of windows at the facility, but Shaw says police are unsure whether or not vandals are entering the building.

He says the incidents all took place during a short period of time and investigators have reason to believe that the same individuals are responsible.

"They just don't understand what sour gas will do to them."

CST. KENT SHAW

"They just don't understand what sour gas will do to them."

Shaw says there are imminent dangers connected to mischief involving sour gas.

"People may be going in and playing with valves. If they do, they could end up dead or receive serious nerve damage."

Shaw says incidents don't just put the vandals at risk, but employees at the plant and people living in the area.

Cst. Robert Newton says sour gas at .5 per cent is deadly to human beings and is considered extremely flammable and explosive.

Newton has plenty of sour gas experience, having previously worked on an oilfield.

"You can't drive to a scene," he said.

"You park a mile away and suit up with respirators, and slowly walk in."

"It's a very dangerous environment. For someone to be walking in and causing vandalism, and lighting fires, it's very dangerous in itself."



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Green Party candidate aims for impact

BY ANDREW WILD
Didsbury Review

Kate Haddow's involvement in politics has evolved at a rapid rate.

The 23-year-old has gone from having an interest in local and current issues to standing as a candidate for the Green Party of Alberta all within the last couple of weeks. She went to the party's campaign launch two weeks ago because of her belief in environmental issues and wound up as the candidate for the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding.

"I wasn't going to be a candidate but I liked the party platform and the people there were regular people just like you and I," explained Haddow. "They want to get everyone involved from youth to seniors, and get people excited about being involved in politics."

"I never pictured myself here, but I'm really excited about it," she added.

Part of that process is to get the word out about the Green Party of Alberta across the riding. While the party harbours no illusions of winning the election, they're hoping to increase party memberships and offer an alternative to people looking for a different point of view, explained Haddow.

Like their federal brethren, the Alberta Greens base most of their platforms from an environmental perspective.

Haddow finds it interesting that all the other parties are pushing their "green" policies "but

that's always been the push from the Green Party."

She said many of the party's policies offer solutions that will add up to a cleaner environment but maintain a prosperous way of life. Yet the changes aren't what she considers radical.

"In working towards a more environmentally conscious society we have to help Albertans to change their lifestyles," Haddow said. "It doesn't have to be a hard thing to do."

Sustaining and preserving water is a key element in the party's platform. They want to prevent water from becoming a commodity that is exported for profit and would rather it be a resource that is protected and preserved through sound strategies.

As well, they are hoping to diversify energy resources including wind and solar power generation, and investment in geothermal energy.

"We want to do it in sus-

tainable ways so we have it for the future," said Haddow.

Other issues the Greens are focusing on include affordable housing strategies, sustainable communities, light rail lines, health-care worker retention through incentives, a reduction in health care wait times, and aiming for



the lowest post-secondary tuition rates in the country.

In terms of agriculture, the party supports 100 per cent BSE testing in order to engender market confidence while at the same time promoting holistic methods to pro-

ducers, something the party members believe will benefit the province's producers and the economy.

Overall, the term sustainability continually pops up, but Haddow said the party wants to build a province that is not only envied for its wealth but its long-term prospects.

"We find that word overused, but we're trying to create a province that we can be proud of," she said. "A province we can look at in the future and say 'look at what we did, we've created a province that's sustainable in terms of its energy usage.'"

Another hope Haddow holds for her first venture into politics, is to inspire young people to get involved.

She said she recently read a statistic that stated up to 80 per cent of people between 18 and 30 do not vote.

"I think it's because there isn't a party out there that excites people," she said.

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IF YOU ARE PREGNANT or planning on becoming pregnant this crowd is for you. Skinny Joe's Coffee Shop, Carstairs 6:30 - 8:30 the 4th Thursday of every month. For info call Didsbury Public Health 353-7292. 1tn

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 335-1975. 1tn

DECEMBER 19, 2007 Midway Community School Christmas Concert - Join us for a fun-filled evening ending with a visit from Santa Claus. Midway School Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show begins at 7:00 pm. All community members and past students are welcome to attend. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Mountain View County food Bank. 1tn

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 337-2888. 44tn

LOOKING FOR GRANDPARENTS! Qualifications: Free afternoon a week. Like Kids. A desire to help. A desire to learn. There is a new program at Ross Ford Elementary School. Starting in the fall 2008. Info phone Barb at 335-4024. 1tn

DIDSBURY MUSEUM ROAST BEEF SUPPER & Auction March 1 at the Multi-Purpose Room 6 p.m. Pre-sold tickets/reservations are \$15/person. Info 335-9295 or 335-3633. 7-8

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There is a meeting being held tonight with the big decision to be made regarding the Rosebud Run Sled Dog Classic. If there is no more snow, there will be a postponement until the weekend of March 1 and 2. I will update this as I get the information.

Feb. 19 to 23

Come to the Didsbury Curling Rink and watch some great curling at the Seventh Annual Stick Bonspiel. Great lunches are ready for all.

Sunday Feb. 24

You are most welcome to come to the Aquatic Centre from 3 to 5 p.m. to the Remax free family swim. You could even win a prize!

Monday, Feb. 25

The annual meeting of the Didsbury 5-0 Club will start at 1:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. All members are urged to attend to take care of the business matters.

Monday, Feb. 25

The Didsbury and District Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Call Dollina at 335-7285 for more information or if you need a ride.

Saturday, March 1

The Didsbury and District Historical Society has planned a wonderful evening for all as a fundraiser for the museum. A roast beef supper, an auction and entertainment by the 7 Fiddlesworth will start at 6 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room

In and around Didsbury

BY MARGE ST. CLAIR

at the Complex. Advance tickets only. Please phone 335-9295 or 335-3633 to reserve your seats.

Tuesday, March 4

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet in the Assembly Room at the hospital at 1:30 p.m. New members always welcome.

Tuesday, March 4

Dr. Nugent, foot doctor, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Wednesday, March 5

If you plan on going on the Community Bus to the Rosebud Theatre, your money must be in to Bea, 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 today. The bus will leave the Complex at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19.

Thursday, March 6

The Didsbury and District Seniors Support Group is having the annual meeting at 11 a.m. at the office in the Train Station. Volunteers are in great demand. Phone Carol at the office, 335-4391, for all the information.

Friday, March 7

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Come and enjoy the cards, coffee and goodies, and the visiting.

Sunday, March 9

Circle this date now, so you can attend the Didsbury Figure Skating Carnival, which will start at 2 p.m. Come and enjoy the talents of these young skaters from Didsbury and district, to the theme of "Let's Dance".

Didsbury Agricultural Society

The executive for 2008 is:

President, Ken Anderson

Vice-president, Craig Anderson

Second vice-president, Vair Whitlow

Treasurer, Shari Wareman

Secretary- Ralene Papke

The Fair and Rodeo are set for Aug. 15 and 16, and this year we will be bringing back the Bench Fair. Other events are in the planning stage; dates and times will be announced later.

The 46th Annual Light Horse Show will be July 12 and 13.

As always, we are in constant need of volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare we would be grateful for your help.

Drop into the office on Main Street (two doors south of the Royal Bank) Monday or Wednesday mornings, or phone 335-4494 for more information.

Saturday, March. 22

This is the day of the second clinic at George Peiper's residence for all young people eight to 18 years, boys and girls, who are building their cars for the soapbox derby in June. Today the clinic is on brake and steering alignment. George's number is 335-4482.

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100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries

NELSON, GERTRUDE CATHERINE

Gertrude Catherine Nelson, born on March 4th, 1917, passed away at Polson North Extended Care on January 31st, 2008. Gertrude was born and raised on the homestead farm in Didsbury, Alberta, the youngest daughter of Hugh and Catherine McLean. It was here also that she met and married her husband, Clifford Nelson, and together they lived and worked (mostly farming) in various places in Alberta and B.C. They first moved to Vernon in 1957 and left this area in 1972. Gertrude returned to Vernon in 2004 to be closer to family. She had been a member of the Women's Institute for many years. During her teen years she joined the Didsbury Women's Institute and then continued her membership with the local W.I. wherever she lived. Gertrude was a member until she was in her mid 80's. Gertrude was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Clifford, in 2003, sisters: Christina Gatherole in 1991, Sadie Nelson in 1985, three brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law. She is survived by two daughters: June (Jonn) Gentry of Surrey, B.C., Donna (Joseph) Ezsol of Vernon, B.C., four grandchildren: Russil (Brenda) Ramsey of High Level, Alberta, Carmen Gentry of Surrey, B.C., Carla (Andy) Rooker of Maple Ridge, B.C., Linda (Ian) Boyd of Vernon, B.C., great-grandchildren: Nick, John, Keilen, Tyler, Sarah and Brendan, as well as one brother-in-law of Calgary, Alberta. The family wishes to extend their gratitude for the wonderful care Mom received during her last 2 1/2 year's stay at Polson North Extended Care Home and for her care by Dr. Borchert over the past 4 years. At Gertrude's request there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to do so may send donations to a charity of their choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Pleasant Valley Funeral Home, 4303 Pleasant Valley Funeral Home, Vernon, B.C. V1T 4M4, 250-542-4333



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MARVIN STROM 1946-2008

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190. Announcements 190. Announcements

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If you are interested in enrolling in this program please phone 403-556-3045 to register this is not a drop-in program. You will be contacted a few days before the first class as a reminder that we are meeting.

ROSEBUD COMMUNITY CLUB SPECIAL RESOLUTION MEETING

Sunday, March 9, 2008 7:00 p.m.

A special resolution meeting will be held to vote on amendments to the bylaws for the society. This meeting is for members only of the Rosebud community. You must be a member in good standing in order to vote.

For further information
call 335-1945 or 335-9921



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